

REMARKS

Claims 4, 5, 7, 8, 12-15, 22-26, 33, and 39-43 are pending in the present application. With the present submission, claims 40-43 are cancelled by Applicant without prejudice. Claims 12 and 39 contain minor typographical corrections. Claims 4, 5, 7, 8, 12-15, 22-26, 33 and 39 have already been found allowable. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this case to grant.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit overpayment to deposit account no. 12-0415. In particular, if this response is not timely filed, then the Commissioner is authorized to treat this response as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this response timely filed and the petition fee due in connection therewith may be charged to deposit account no. 12-0415.

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Encls.:

- RCE form
- Petition for 2-month extension
- RCE check (\$ 790) and 2-month extension check (\$ 450)